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Gaastra Palmavela Crowns Its Winners

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On Sunday the 11th edition of the Gaastra PalmaVela finished in the waters of Palma de Majorca, Spain, with the presence of traditional Embat wind from Majorca.

The winner in the Wally class was still to be decided depending on what happened today in the bay of Palma. The fleet today sailed a 27 mile coastal race in which Sir Lindsay Owen-Jones' "Magic Carpet Cubed" took the advantage to climb up to the overall first position by winning a complicated race. Behind the British crew, Antonio Cacace's "Magic Blue" with Sergio Lottini at the helm, took the silver and the bronze went to last edition's winner, Jean-Charles Decaux's "J One" with Piers Richardson as skipper.



As expected, Niklas Zennstrom's "Ran V" won the gold in the Gaastra PalmaVela in Mini Maxi class after having an impressive performance in the race of Real Club Nautico de Palma. He started today with five podiums out of the five races sailed so far, and with a very comfortable points cushion. The fight in the overall leader board was among their pursuers, so they finished fourth in today's race.

In today's coastal race, Andres Soriano's "Alegre" was able to react and, in addition to winning today's race, he also took third place overall. Roberto Tomasini's "Robertissima" with Vasco Vascotto as tactician, took the silver.

"Provezza 7" finishes off the job in IRC

After taking the lead yesterday, "Provezza 7" won for the second consecutive year the Gaastra PalmaVela. Determined to finish the job and win the gold, no sooner said than done, the Turkish crew added a first and a second place on today's races that put him at the top of the leader board with a three-point lead on Eduardo de Souza's "Phoenix", second, and six points over Harm Muller "Platoon", third.

"Elena Nova" and "Three Sisters" in the first position of ORC

The five ORC fleets sailed today two races on the Bay of Palma. German Christian Plump's "Elena Nova" and Czech Milan Hajek's "Three Sisters" didn't fail and are the winners in ORC 0 and ORC 1, respectively.

In ORC 2, Felix Comas' "Pinyol Vermell" finally took the gold and in ORC 3 "Yabadaba" from the R.C.N. Palma, climbed to the top of the Gaastra PalmaVela after winning the today's last race. Meanwhile "Ibe-Tres Mares", from the C.N. Arenal, rose to the top position in ORC 4 and wins in their division.

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